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James Votaw
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1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Re: Omega Chemical Site cost estimate information

Dear Mr. Votaw:

This letter is in response to your request for cost estimate information used to construct the settlement offer made to *de minimis* potentially responsible parties (PRPs) at the Omega Chemical Superfund Site. Confidential Business Information (CBI) pertaining to EPA contractors and Enforcement Confidential Information have been redacted from attached documents. Although we are providing EPA past costs, supporting documentation is being withheld until it can be reconciled by EPA's Cost Recovery Section.

Please contact me at (415) 972-3149, should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Lichens
Superfund Project Manager

cc: Thanne Cox
        Linda Ketellapper

Enclosures: Information supporting the dollar value of EPA's settlement offer to De Minimis parties, including the following:

1. Presentation overheads from Omega de minimis meeting 2/12/04
2. Response cost summary for Omega Chemical Superfund Site
3. Email from Elaine Chan to Chris Lichens with estimated future EPA labor and overhead costs for Omega RI/FS and RD/RA
4. Memorandum from Chuck McLaughlin to Chris Lichens with OPOG past costs related to the Omega site
5. California EPA DTSC estimated oversight costs for Omega site
6. Letter from Betty Cavanaugh to Linda Ketellapper with Revised Rough Order of Magnitude Price Estimate for Omega enforcement work (Confidential Business Information and Enforcement Confidential Information redacted)
7. Budgetary Estimate for a Combined Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for OU-1 and OU-2 Omega Chemical Superfund Site (Confidential Business Information redacted)
8. Technical memorandum from Tom Perina to Christopher Lichens with Conceptual Cost Estimate for Sitewide Remedial Action, Omega Chemical Superfund Site